

REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 28 December 2006, the Examiner stated that claims 10, 12 and 67-70 in the subject application were incorrectly identified as either "original" and/or "previously presented" and should have been identified as "withdrawn".

Accordingly, in this response, Applicants have now identified claims 10, 12 and 67-70 as being "Withdrawn – original" or "Withdrawn – previously presented." Claims 36-41, 43-51 and 53-60 remain pending for examination. The withdrawn claims may be reinstated if the elements of allowable claims involve the same scope of search as the withdrawn claims. Applicants also note that the amendments and arguments made in its response previously filed on 10 October 2006 still stand.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and thereby solicit acceptance of the claims, in light of these amendments.

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Fee Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) determined to be due in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (BLFR 1004-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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